

NRCS Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program
Application Form
Oregon Farm & Ranch Lands Protection Program
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Although not required, this application form is encouraged when applying for cost-share support under the NRCS Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program. Applications submitted in a different format will receive the same level of consideration as those using this application form. Leaving questions blank may affect the ranking of this application.

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Part 1: Information on the conservation entity(s) that will be holding and enforcing the conservation easement deed.

If there are co-owners, please duplicate this page, as needed.

A. Name of Conservation Entity_____

B. Address_____

C. Town, State, Zip _____

D. Contact Person_____

Title:_____

Phone: _____ Fax:_____

Email address:_____

E. Entity history of acquiring, managing and enforcing conservation easements: _____Years.

F. Total Acres the entity currently has under conservation easements: _____Acres

G. Average annual farmland protection easement expenditures: \$_____

H. Average annual farmland protection easement donations received: \$_____

I. History of commitment to conservation planning and implementation. (eg: wildlife habitat, erosion control, nutrient management, pest management, invasive species, water management, cropland management, forestland management, air quality.

J. Does the conservation entity require implementation of the conservation plan within a specified time period? Circle one: Yes No

If Yes, time Period:_____

Part 2: Information on the Easement Parcel.

If there is more than one parcel, and/or multiple owners, please duplicate the following two pages as needed.

A. Landowner(s) Name_____

B. Address:_____

Town, State, Zip_____

County:_____

C. Phone:_____ Email:_____

D. Total easement acres: _____.

E. Current land use/land cover

_____ percent cropland, _____ percent pastureland, _____ percent forestland

_____ percent wetland, _____ other land, explain:_____

F. **Oregon Land Use Classification:** Is the easement parcel zoned for exclusive farm use or mixed farm / forest use? Yes _____, it is zoned _____. No _____.

If yes, identify any potential non-farm development allowed in an exclusive farm use zoning.

G. Acres classified as Prime Farmland Soils¹: _____ Acres _____ %

H. Acres classified as Unique Farmland²: _____ Acres _____ %

I. Acres classified as soils of Statewide Importance¹: _____ Acres _____ %

J. Number or acreage of historic & archaeological sites to be protected: _____ No. or _____ Acres.

K. Is the parcel privately owned? (circle) Yes No

If no, explain_____

L. Are there currently any deed restrictions on the property? (circle) Yes No

M. If yes, explain: _____

N. Is there highly erodable land on any parcel³? (circle) Yes, _____ acres. No

¹ According to the most recent NRCS County Soil Survey available by contacting the county NRCS field.

² According to current land use assessment and the definition of unique farmland as defined in the soil survey data dictionary located at the county NRCS Field Office.

O. Is there a completed AD-1026, (self-certification of compliance with sodbuster) on file with the Farm Service Agency (FSA)? (circle) Yes No

P. If no, when will the AD-1026 be filed? _____

Q. Is there a current NRCS conservation plan on the easement parcel? (circle) Yes No

R. What is the likelihood of this parcel being converted to non-agricultural use? Explain any eminent danger.⁴

S. Briefly describe the social and/or economic benefits of acquiring this conservation easement.⁵

T. Briefly describe the environmental benefits of acquiring this conservation easement.⁶

³ A listing of highly erodable soils is available from the county NRCS office.

⁴ **Briefly describe development pressure:** Consider, among other things the degree to which land in vicinity of parcel is subject to pressure to convert to non-agricultural uses.

(1) Proximity to rural residential development (not farm-related);

(2) Rezoning requests in the vicinity of parcel to allow non-agricultural land uses;

(3) Proximity to property that has been sold for significantly more than its agricultural value;

(4) Local knowledge of land appraisals, land sales, planned development, or speculative land use.

⁵ Briefly describe other complementary farmland protection and conservation efforts to the degree which the easement parcel and local area is benefited by other public and/or private efforts aimed at protecting farmland, minimizing incompatible development in agricultural areas and conservation programs that protect natural resources and foster sustainable use.

Examples: Local efforts to promote agricultural protection as a key principle; other conservation easement programs; presence of a local land trust; local initiatives aimed at improving ranching viability (marketing, new crops, etc.); conservation programs being used to protect wildlife habitat, rare plant communities, riparian areas, wetlands; etc.

⁶ Briefly describe environmentally sensitive areas to the degree to which the easement parcel contains, borders, or directly influences environmentally sensitive areas and/or supports, important ecological functions and values.

These may include such things as wetlands, natural water bodies, riparian corridors, 100-year floodplains, groundwater recharge zones, critical wildlife habitat, rare vegetation, scenic views, unique geologic/historic/archeological resources, etc. Areas or resources of global or national significance would rate "Exceptional"; state of Oregon as "High".

U. History of land use on the easement parcel and future intentions for its use:

Part 3. Appraisal, Easement Value, Funding Request

A. Name of Appraiser: _____

B. Name of Firm: _____

B. Address: _____

Town, State, Zip _____

County: _____

D. Phone: _____ Email: _____

E. Type of appraisal completed: _____

F. Appraised Fair Market Value (FMV) of the conservation easement: \$ _____

G. Negotiated Purchase Price (NPP) \$ _____

H. Amount of FRPP funds requested: \$ _____ Percent of FMV: _____ %

I. Amount and percent of FMV donated by the landowner: \$ _____ Percent: _____ %

J. Amount and percent of matching funds \$ _____ Percent: _____ %

K. Are these funds (noted in Item I) currently secured for the easement acquisition? (circle) Yes No

L. If funds are not secured, explain how, where and when the necessary funds will be secured:

Part 4. Supporting Documentation

A. Describe the nature and extent of other parcels of land in the vicinity that are protecting agricultural land use. If relevant, include the degree of parcelization below the estimated minimum parcel size.

B. Describe the land use and land cover of the parcels immediately surrounding the easement parcel.

C. Is the easement parcel listed in the National or State registry of historical or archaeological sites?
(Circle) Yes No

If yes, explain: _____

D. Does the easement parcel include any ecologically significant sites? (circle) Yes No

If yes, explain: _____

Part 5. Required Attachments

A. An NRCS soil survey map with the parcel highlighted is attached to this application as Appendix ____.

B. Additional supporting information is attached to this application and identified as follows:

Appendix ____.

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